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COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTS BLUE RIBBON ON MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

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The Montgomery County Council today appointed 12 people to the Blue Ribbon on the Development of a Model Mental Health System.

The task force will focus on developing an impartial analysis of the county's current mental health system and recommending those changes needed to better serve residents. It will advise the Council on how and under what circumstance the county and state should provide mental health services, to whom, with what priority, and at what cost.

"This task force will provide us with an unbiased, point of view from distinguished mental health professionals who are outside the of county and state government," said Council President Blair Ewing. "I look forward to getting their report."

One of the 12 members of the task force is a representative of the Montgomery Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, one represents the local chapter of the American Psychiatric Association and one is the chair of the Montgomery County Mental Health Advisory Committee. Various county and state agencies will contribute to the work of the task force.

The members are:

Dr. Kimberly Campbell
Burtonsville, MD

Dr. Garrett Moran
Westat, Inc.

Dr. Raymond Crowell
Baltimore, MD

Dr. Fred Osher
Rockville, MD

Kevin Dwyer
National Mental Health Assoc.

Robert Trachtenberg
Bethesda, MD

Dr. Philip Leaf
Baltimore, MD

Sandy Berman
Mental Health Advisory Committee

Dr. Wayne Fenton
Department of Psychiatry
Howard University Hospital

Dr. Richard Gross
American Psychiatric Association

Diane Sterenbuch
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

The task force is expected to report to the County Council by March 1, 2002.

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